FOA PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Filed herewith

DEVICE AND METHOD FOR HANDLING SMALL VOLUME SAMPLES AND/OR REACTION MIXTURES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 6 as follows:

6. (amended) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the device exhibits physical characteristics ensuring its correct assembly and orientation when used, said physical characteristics being chosen among colour codes and patterns; raised and corresponding depressed areas such as velts and grooves or pins and holes.

Amend claim / as follows:

7. (amended) Device according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises one or more predispensed reagents.

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